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Traffic Police crackdown on stunt riders, violators

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK, RK & BCT)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police have apprehended numerous bikers, predominantly youngsters, engaged in perilous wheelies and other stunts. In an ongoing enforcement campaign, the Police have filed cases against various violations, including defective number plates, fake registration plates and triple riding.

In addition to imposing fines, the Police are impounding vehicles and holding them at the Police Stations for over a week. The vehicles are returned to their respective owners after obtaining a written undertaking that the violations will not be repeated. Most of the bikers, besides driving at hazardous speeds and 'zig-zagging' on the road, were found to be without helmets.

FROM LEFT: ***NR Traffic Inspector Rekha Bai, Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamatha, KR Traffic Inspector Irshad Ahmed, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa, Siddarthanagar Traffic Inspector D. Yogesh and VV Puram Traffic Inspector Lava seen with the seized vehicles at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station premises in city yesterday. Picture right shows the auto driver, who was booked for doing a wheelie stunt on a public road in city. The photo has been posted by the Mysuru City Traffic ACP on Nov. 18.***

As of 2023, total 1,713 cases of triple riding have been booked and penalties have been imposed. From November 1 to 19, as many as 63 two-wheelers were booked for triple riding, and 12 vehicles were seized for displaying defective number plates, totalling 94 cases. Throughout this year so far, 1,964 cases have been booked against vehicles with defective and fake registration plates. Traffic ACP Parashuramappa noted that even auto drivers are involved in dangerous stunts.

One such auto driver was booked after a vigilant commuter posted a stunt video on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), tagging the City Police Commissioner. The driver and his three-wheeler were identified by the VV Puram Traffic Police and charged with reckless driving on a public road.

The ACP emphasised the intensification of rigorous checks at various points to ensure adherence to rules, covering violations such as triple riding, riding without a helmet, one-way traffic rule breaches and using mobile phones while driving.

(See POLICE on page 7)

Classical Kannada Centre awaits autonomy even after 15 years

▶ Rs. 10 crore for Tamil Classical Centre; Rs. 1.60 crore for Kannada Centre

▶ 90 research books in Tamil; only 8 books come from Kannada Classical Centre

By Bapu Lingaraj Urs

Mysuru, Nov. 21- The history of Kannada, one of India's ancient languages, dates back to over 2,000 years. Recognising its historical significance, Kannada has been accorded Classical Language status to actively promote linguistic research. However, even 15 years after the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) in Karnataka, the institute has not yet received autonomous status.

The CESCK was sanctioned in 2011 at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in Mysuru, but the facility is struggling to have a building of its own. CESCK was sanctioned three years after Kannada was accorded Classical Language status.

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) that governs the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada.

Activists have criticised the delay in granting autonomous status to CESCK, which has moved from one location to another. They point out the example of its Tamil counterpart, which has flourished. Despite demands from various language groups to make CESCK fully operational, successive Governments have been sluggish in providing funds.

Currently, CESCK is functioning at National Centre for History of Science (NCHS), which is housed in the old Tahsildar Office building in Manasagangothri campus opposite defunct Premier Studio, Hunsur Road.

Plans to establish CESCK inside the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, Manasagangothri, have not materialised, despite signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Kannada and Culture and the University of Mysore.

India boasts over 1,500 languages, with 457 main languages. Of these, 270 are identified as mother tongues, with 22 languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution, including Kannada. Kannada, with its ancient history as part of the Dravidian language family, holds a unique position, boasting a history of 2,000 years within the Dravidian language group.

On Oct. 31, 2008, the Central Government granted Classical Language status to Kannada after a prolonged struggle spanning over seven years. Although the recognition fulfilled the aspirations of Kannadigas after a decade-long battle, academic and research activities began only after 2015.

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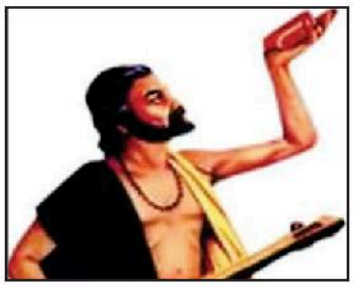
Mysuru, Tuesday 21st November 2023

Kanaka Jayanti on Nov.30: Preliminary meeting held



Mysuru, Nov.21 (SBD&TRR)- At a preliminary meeting held at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar here recently under the leadership of Kanakadasa Jayantyotsava Samithi President and former MLA M.K. Somashekar, it was decided to celebrate Kanaka Jayanti on a grand scale in city on Nov. 30.

The meeting decided to invite Kaginele Kanakaguru Peetha's Swamiji and Urilinga Peddi Mutt's Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji to grace the occasion. Scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj will be the main speaker.

It was also decided to invite people from Mysuru and other districts to celebrate Kanaka Jayanti like a mini Dasara. In addition to folk troupes, a procession of tableaux of social reformers, great leaders, their messages and tableaux which depict the guarantee schemes of Congress-led State Government will be a part of the procession.

The meeting decided to felicitate meritorious students of the community and Rajyotsava awardees also.

Samithi Secretary Bank M. Puttaswamy, Convenor M. Shivanna, former ZP President B.M. Ramu, Kurubara Sangha former President Subramanya, former Mayor T.B. Chikkanna and others attended in the meeting.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Karnataka Minister for Forest and Environment, speaking at the Sustainability Leadership Summit a few days ago, raised a pertinent question: "Development at whose cost, for whose sake?" It is unusual for a Minister or politician these days to contemplate these issues. Nevertheless, it underscores a serious flaw in the development model we are pursuing, resulting in an 'air emergency' in Delhi and the surrounding areas.

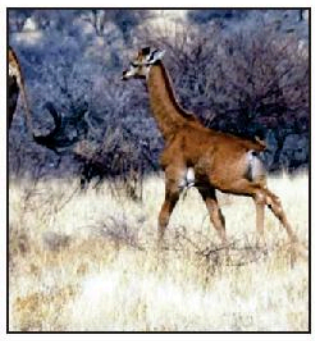
Dirty politics, not only in Delhi but in almost all States, is playing a significant role in environmental degradation. Environmental clearances given by the Central and State Governments overlooking the prescribed norms, flyovers and grade separators being built in cities promoting private transport, adding to congestion and pollution, and reckless expansion of cities in violation of planning norms are leading to loss of farmland and greenery, more construction, and the generation of more heat and pollution.

We need a development model that adopts ethical and sustainable practices. Growth at all costs must be replaced by sustainable development. In particular, we must focus attention on SDG 8: promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; and SDG 12: ensure sustainable consumption and production. All this calls for changes in our lifestyles, especially for those indulging in wasteful practices and excessive consumption. As an expert on climate change said, "Climate change is sometimes misunderstood as being changes in the weather; in reality, it is about changes in our way of life."

Will the politicians wake up to the environmental crisis and act? In my view, this will happen the day the environment becomes an election issue. When will it be? That's the million-dollar question. —*A. Ravindra, former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Spotless giraffe spotted in Namibia



Namibia: The Giraffe Conservation Foundation announced in a Monday news release that the spotless giraffe was found roaming around the Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, a private game reserve in Namibia. The Foundation says the Angolan giraffe is the first ever spotless giraffe found in the wild.

Julian Fennessy, the foundation's co-founder and director of conservation, said in the news release that "The lack of spots could be caused by genetic mutations or recessive genotype in one or more genes related to the pattern, but without detailed genetic analysis, these are mere speculations."

Before the discovery of the Namibian spotless Angolan giraffe, there were only two records of such brown giraffe, both in zoos in Japan in 1972 and most recently in the USA.

Man takes snake home, ends up in hospital

New South Wales: A man who found a snake while out hiking took it home to show his children, only to be rushed to hospital after being bitten.

The father from New South Wales, Australia, believed the creature was non-venomous when he picked it up and was promptly bitten by the reptile. He took the snake back home anyway, assuming the bite had been harmless.

He realised all was not well when he began vomiting violently and his hand became badly swollen, triggering an emergency visit to hospital.

Snake expert Ray McGibbon, who was sent a photo of the reptile identified it as a broad-headed snake which inject neurotoxins into the bloodstream which can lead to incapacitation and, in some cases, death.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tip to Prevent Heart Attack

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By Dr. Sasirekha D - Consultant- Cardiology- Interventional Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Prize-winners of Shuttle Badminton Tournament

Prize-winners of Shuttle Badminton Tourney held at Cosmopolitan Club in city recently. From left: Runners-up Prof. Narasimha Murthy & Mahesh and winners Rishab & Vikram Raje Urs.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Poor condition of roads

Sir,

I am a resident of Udayagiri and would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the poor quality of roads in our locality including the Rajendranagar Main Road. They have not been repaired since 2 years. I had complained regarding the same to the local officials yet no action was taken.

The roads are miserable with potholes in the middle of the road and the motorists, especially the residents of the area, are facing great inconvenience. There are frequent traffic jams and accidents have also taken place, some of them fatal.

I once again request the civic authorities to take necessary measures to get the roads repaired as soon as possible.

—Nausheen Mahmood
Udayagiri
3.11.2023

Unscientific barricades on B.N. Road removed

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (RK&BCT)- The unscientifically placed barricades on the Bengaluru-Nilgiri (B.N.) Road near the Sub-Urban Bus Stand were removed by the Devaraja Police last evening.

Over a stretch of more than 250 metres on the road leading up to the Maharaja Hotel, a barricade spanning over 15 feet wide had been installed. The Police took this action to deter the habit of cars being parked along the road, aiming to ensure smooth traffic flow. In an attempt to reinforce this, a 'no parking' sign had also been erected.

However, this effort led to a counter-productive outcome, with cars being parked in the middle of the road, giving the impression of a road closure.

C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, had objected to this barricading and written to the City Police Commissioner requesting its removal.

In response to the concerns raised, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, along with Traffic ACP Parashuramappa, conducted an inspection and directed the removal of barricades.

They clarified that while the initial intention was to curb illegal parking, it inadvertently inconvenienced numerous other commuters. To address the issue, a traffic cop has been stationed at the spot and a 'no parking' sign-board has been reinstalled.

UGC Chief urges Karnataka to reconsider scrapping NEP

Opposing NEP-2020 for non-academic reasons undermines students' future

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (RK&BCT)- University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar has expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He pointed out that there is opposition to NEP-2020 in some quarters, questioning the rationale behind such opposition and emphasising the policy's significance as a national vision.

During his visit to city yesterday as chief guest at the 14th Convocation of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar also interacted with the media.

Appealing to the Karnataka Government to reconsider its decision to discard NEP-2020, he stressed the need for prioritising students' interests. The UGC Chairman warned that students in Karnataka could face challenges if the State Government opts not to implement the policy, stating, "Ultimately, the students will suffer and policymakers must consider this."

Highlighting that opposing NEP for non-academic reasons undermines the future of students, he mentioned the introduction of four-year undergraduate programmes with a research component in the fourth year. He expressed concern that if certain Universities or

Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar

States do not implement these programmes, it could have a negative impact on students.

The Chairman stressed the importance of academic credits for student mobility and the need for consistent implementation, stating, "If you oppose NEP-2020 for non-academic reasons, you are only undermining the future of our students."

With the launch of NEP-2020, India is viewed globally as an ideal destination for establishing campuses and investing in the higher education sector. The NEP envisions promoting India as a global study destination that provides affordable, excellent education, he said.

Establishing foreign campuses will offer wider educational choices, exposure to innovative pedagogical approaches and the potential for collaboration with world-class institutions. NEP-2020 provides a roadmap for more flexibility and accessibility to high-quality higher education, focusing on marginalised communities, according to Prof. Jagadesh Kumar.

Discussing the National Digital University, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar highlighted its focus on imparting skills to learners, offering flexibility in curriculum and courses. He informed about the establishment of the National Research Fund (NRF) with a corpus of Rs. 50,000 crore, fostering collaborations between Universities and industries to boost research.

Expressing confidence that the vision of a National Digital University would materialise within the next six months, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar emphasised that this initiative would reduce the cost of higher education. He also mentioned the 'one nation, one data' portal for educational institutions, facilitating data sharing to assess academic standards and rankings.

Turning attention to the University of Mysore, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar urged the institution to promptly fill vacant posts, considering the consistent advice from the UGC to address staffing shortages. Recognising the shortage of teaching faculties in State Universities, he urged the Government to take swift action to fill vacant positions, crucial for enhancing academic and research activities.

First-aid training for industrial workers on Nov. 23

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Nanjangud Industries Association (NIA) along with Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Karnataka and St. John's Ambulance Association, Mysuru, have organised the 82nd training programme on first-aid for industrial workers and supervisors on Thursday (Nov. 23) from 9 am to 5 pm at Hotel Shree Guru Residency, JLB Road Cross, Mysuru.

There is a growing demand for first-aid training because of increased use of machines and electrical appliances in everyday work at home, workplace etc.

As per the statutory compliance, in every industry certain number of employees should be trained in first-aid and they should know the important procedure for treating the casualty. Moreover they should know the procedure of calling the ambulance and shifting the injured to the hospital for further treatment.

Narendra Babu, Joint Director of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, will inaugurate the programme. Dr. C. Rajesh Mishri Koti, Deputy Director of Factories, Mysuru, will preside.

The faculty for this programme will be Dr. B. Prakash, an experienced first-aid trainer from St. John's Ambulance Association. The programme will be presented through lectures, discussions, case studies, interaction and demons. For details contact Mob: 88675-62266.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Coaching Class

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation is conducting coaching class for the written exam for selection to 8,424 Probationary Officer and Clerical Posts in SBI. The classes will be held both in online and offline mode. The coaching class will be conducted at the Foundation Office located in 'Krishik Bhavan,' Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru-17. The last date for applying is Dec. 7. For registration and details, contact Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592 or 82960-31570, according to a press release.

Theatre Camp

The city's theatre group 'Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe' will be conducting 'Desiranga-2023,' a 20-day theatre training camp at Kalamandira premises from Nov. 28 to Dec. 17. The admission is limited to 25 candidates. The camp will be held for 2 hours from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm on all the days. For registration and details, contact Mob: 70194-41509, according to a press release.

Calling registered training centres

The Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation has invited applications from recognised training centres for conducting classes for women in entrepreneurship, livelihood, job role etc. Eligible training centres, which have registered through the website: ***https://www.kaushalkar.com/*** can apply to the Women and Child Development Department, First Floor, Streeshakti Bhavan, Krishnadevaraya Circle, Vijayanagar, before Nov. 29.

Applications invited

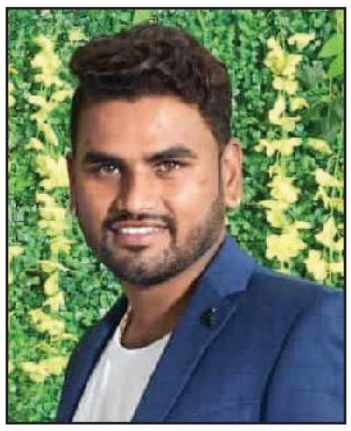
The Dr. Babu Jagjivanram Leather Industries Development Corporation has invited applications from SC Communities, for availing benefits under various schemes such as Skill Development, Mobile Sales Unit, Kayaka Spoorthi Scheme, Charmashilpi Plan, Paaduke Kuteera Plan, Marketing Assistance etc., The last date for applying through the Seva Sindhu portal is Dec. 19. For details, contact Mob: 94808-86258 or 98860-20499.

Calling rural artisans

The Taluk Industrial Extension Office has invited applications from professional rural artisans and cottage industries for availing various facilities that will help in the sustenance of the industrial sector. Interested applicants can upload all their supporting documents in the website: ***https://mysore.nic.in/*** from Nov. 22 to Dec. 11, according to a press release.

Young farmer ends life as factory fails to provide job to land loser

Case registered against factory HR, Plant Head



Deceased Siddaraju

Farmers staging protest in front of the mortuary at Mysuru yesterday.

Nanjangud/Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&KS)- Alleging that the factory to which he had given his land had failed to provide him a job and registered a case against his family members for questioning it, a young farmer committed suicide by hanging self at Adakanahalli village in Nanjangud taluk on Sunday night leaving behind a death note.

The deceased farmer is Siddaraju, aged 28. Nanjangud Rural Police, who have registered a case against private factory HR Manager Musheed Ulla Khan and Plant Head Ramprasad, are investigating.

Details: The land in Survey No. 96/1 at Adakanahalli village in the taluk, belonging to deceased Siddaraju's family, was acquired by Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for industrial purpose. The State Government and the District Administration had instructed factories including this factory which had come up on Siddaraju's land to provide jobs to land losers.

As the factory did not initiate the process of providing job, Siddaraju, since four years, was submitting petitions to provide him a job, it is learnt.

Siddaraju had even met KIADB officials and had submitted petitions many times.

He had mentioned in the death note that though the factory management was instructed to provide him (Siddaraju) a job at the meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, the factory management had not given him a job.

He has further stated in the death note that the factory management had registered cases against him and his family members and hence he was ending his life holding the factory HR Manager Musheed Ulla Khan and Plant Head Ramprasad responsible for his death.

Siddaraju's wife B. Rakshitha, who went to the Police Station along with the death note on Monday morning, lodged a complaint and the Nanjangud Rural Police, based on the complaint, have registered a case against the HR Manager and Plant Head under IPC Sections 306 and 34.

Meanwhile, farmers and Siddaraju's family members, holding the factory management responsible for Siddaraju's death, staged a protest and urged the authorities concerned to initiate legal action against those responsible for Siddaraju's death besides urging for Rs. 50 lakh compensation to the family members of the deceased.

Former Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, who came to the protest spot, said that the factory should have provided a job to the land losers besides stating that the factory had violated the Government order.

Pointing out that an FIR has been registered against the factory staff, Dr. Yathindra assured Siddaraju's family members of getting Rs. 5 lakh compensation from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The former MLA said that he would make honest efforts to get compensation from the factory and added that he would speak with the Chief Minister on providing a Government job to Siddaraju's wife.

Protest staged in Mysuru

Meanwhile, farmers of various organisations staged a protest in front of MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru yesterday seeking justice to deceased farmer Siddaraju.

The protesting farmers urged the State Government and the District Administration to take the issue seriously and initiate legal action against those responsible for Siddaraju's extreme step.

They also demanded the factory owner to come to the spot and announce compensation to deceased Siddaraju's family members besides urging the District Minister to intervene and provide justice to Siddaraju's family.

Transgender arrested for threatening and extorting youth

Police recover gold chain from the accused

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested a transgender on charges of threatening a youth and extorting a 23-gram gold chain from the youth. The Cops have recovered the gold chain from the transgender.

On Nov. 7 at about 7.40 pm, the transgender, who threatened the youth at Kaimatte Junction in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, had made away with the gold chain of the youth, following which the youth had lodged a complaint with Vijayanagar Police on Nov. 9.

A special Police team was formed to nab the transgender and the special Police team, based on the information, arrested the transgender near RMP Junction in Vijayanagar 4th Stage and recovered the gold chain.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP Gajendraprasad guided Vijayanagar Inspector S.D. Sureshkumar, Sub-Inspectors K. Vishwanath and K. Narayana and staff K.N. Manjunath, Sanjay Pawar and Appanna Devadiga in the nabbing & recovery operation.

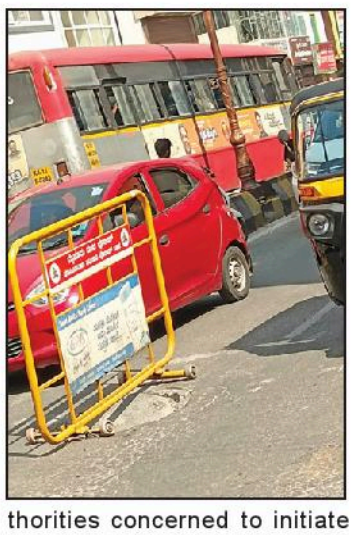
Collapsed manhole on Irwin Road crying for attention since a month

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK&KS)- A manhole, which has collapsed on the ever-busy Irwin Road is crying for attention since a month for repairs.

Irwin Road saw beautification and development last year but now a manhole on the road has collapsed and its cover has come off posing danger to motorists since a month but the authorities concerned have not bothered to get the manhole repaired though many officials use this road daily.

In a bid to warn motorists of possible danger, the Police have placed a barricade over the collapsed manhole.

Public have urged the authorities concerned to initiate repair works at the earliest and not to wait till any fatal accidents take place.



Obituary

Divya Peter

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Divya Peter (35), a resident of Yaraganahalli here, passed away on Nov. 15 in Bengaluru. She leaves behind her husband, parents, two sisters, brothers-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at St. Mary's Church Cemetery at Hegde Nagar in Bengaluru on Nov. 17, according to family sources.

Quality research hallmark to seek University funds

State Higher Education Council to recommend Govt, says its Vice-Chairman Prof. Niranjana

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&BS)- Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council Prof. S.R. Niranjana said he would recommend the State Government to provide funds and other facilities to Universities on the basis of quality of research works, with the sole motive of strengthening education sector.

He was addressing the gathering of academicians at one-day workshop on 'Industry Skills' for the teaching faculty of First Grade Colleges from four districts, organised jointly by University of Mysore, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation and Karnataka State Higher Education Council at the Centenary Hall of Maharaja's College here yesterday.

"A letter has been written to all the Universities to provide details about number of researchers, subject, especially with regard to higher education. The required facilities are provided considering the jurisdiction of research centres and quality. Those Varsities with more research works will get encouragement and funds. Those Varsities showing no progress should focus on research works," said Prof. Niranjana.

The students should hone their skills akin to those of international Universities, as Karnataka State Higher Education Council is keen on providing qualitative higher education suiting the demands of competitive era. Hence the 'method of education' has emerged as today's challenge. The onus of imparting skills along with education to the students is on the teachers, with due priority to excellence, value-based and quality in higher education. Researches should be conducted on these lines, suggested Prof. Niranjana.

State Higher Education Council Vice-Chairman Prof. S.R. Niranjana and University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath lighting the lamp to inaugurate the workshop in city yesterday as UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Special Officer of State Higher Education Council Dr. Jayappa, Director of College Development Council Prof. D. Anand and others look on.

Expressing concerns over Indian Universities falling behind in the number of researches and also in terms of quality when compared to developed foreign Varsities, Prof. Niranjana said "It is due to the lack of communication, team management skills, mindset to find solutions and several other skills that the students despite possessing higher education fail to exhibit their capacity. Not all the students have a sound academic background. Hence the teachers should prepare even a below average student with 34 marks to score 94 at higher education level."

Managing Director of Karnataka State Skill Development Corporation, Ashwin D. Gowda said "Now, the process of learning hinges on syllabus thus depriving students from acquiring skills needed for competitive era. Eventually, the candidates of the State are failing to crack competitive exams. Railways, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Banking and other sectors annually recruit three lakh candidates, but a measly two percent (600) of the aspirants from the State land the job. While two lakh applications are received for the recruitment of 150 Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) posts, the candidates from the State show reluctance to take national-level recruitment exams only due to lack of required skills."

About 60,000 engineers graduate every year from the Colleges in the State, but only 10 to 12 percent of them are getting job, with 36,000 students going unemployed. Hence we should teach industry skills along with syllabus to students, advised Ashwin Gowda.

Special Officer of Karnataka State Higher Education Council Dr. Jayappa, Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Director of College Development Council (CDC) Prof. D. Anand, Director of Evaluation Board Prof. N. Nagaraju who is also Project Incharge were present, along with 400 lecturers from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Hassan districts.

'CM assures filling of vacant posts'

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has promised to fill the vacant posts of faculty in the State in another two years. A Commission has been already constituted to formulate State Education Policy. With education and research expected to get more priority in the coming days, all eyes are on faculty pay. However, the job brings more responsibility to compensate for which they are paid more salary. The teachers should prove their worth by discharging their duties efficiently. The higher education enrolment in the State is 35 percent and the State Government wants to increase it to 50 percent. The faculty should be prepared to achieve the task, said Prof. S.R. Niranjana.

'Meet the Australia-New Zealand University Representatives' programme evokes good response

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Overseas Educational Services (OES) "Meet the Australian and New Zealand Universities representatives in Mysuru" programme held at OES Office in city on Nov. 18 evoked a good response from parents and students. They were able to gain guidance for the February 2024-July 2024 admissions of these the top Universities of the two countries.

Students and parents had the opportunity to meet Prema Raj, Recruitment Advisor, International Student Recruitment (ISR), Monash University, Australia and H. Vasudha, Recruitment Advisor, International Office, University of Auckland, New Zealand.

They were given information on various courses offered by the Universities, courses which are on the skilled shortage list and briefed about the industry tie-ups with Universities. Students were also given information on various scholarships offered by them and details about the post study work permit on completion of the programme.

Interested students can contact Mob: +91 97316-16027 or 98453-21201 or visit OES Office at No.141-A, Devaraj Urs Road, Mysuru, for free assistance in international University admissions.

Maharaja's students stir for postponement of exams

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&BS)- Demanding postponement of exams till the recruitment of teaching faculty, students of Maharaja's Degree College near Ramaswamy Circle, staged a protest in front of Centenary Hall in the campus yesterday.

The students, who staged protest under the banner of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO), alleged that "Following the lack of adequate teaching faculty even after a month since the new academic year began, the classes are not being conducted regularly with a portion of syllabus remaining incomplete. But still the exam time-table is announced, forcing the students to prepare for the exams. In this wake, the teaching faculty must be recruited and exams be conducted only after the completion of syllabus."

The students should be provided access to library and newspapers and drinking water arrangements should be made, besides maintaining the hygiene at toilets and cleanliness at classrooms, the protesting students demanded.

District President of AIDSO Subhash, office-bearers Nitin, Chandrika, Beerappa and Abhi, students Puneeth, Rakshita, Siddaraju and others took part.

'Nammuru Namma Kere' project

Sri Nanneshwara Devara Kere at Hinkal wears a new look

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Nov. 21- At a time when lakes are becoming a passé with land sharks usurping every bit of water bodies in the State, the nature-loving villagers have set a rare precedent by infusing a new lease of life to Sri Nanneshwara Devara Kere at Hinkal in the outskirts of the city.

The lake adjacent to Sri Nanneshwara Temple from which the water body has derived its name after the God (Devaru in Kannada), shines with a streak of sun rays in the dawn, turning into a favourite spot of morning walkers. It has come in handy in rejuvenating underground water table and also defunct borewells, aptly being the lifeline of Hinkal villagers, not just addressing the irrigation needs, but also the drinking water requirements.

The lake area spread on six acres and six guntas of land in Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) limits boasts of green environs, attracting birds of different species. The credit goes to concerted efforts of Hinkal villagers, Gram Panchayat, Sri Devara Kere Development Committee and **Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP)**, for the lake sporting a new look against what had turned into a decrepit condition three years back.

Under the project name 'Nammuru Namma Kere,' SKDRDP has spent Rs. 9.4 lakh to desilt the lake, along with a financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh from the villagers, spending about total Rs. 20 lakh on restoring the condition of the lake.

The compound has been built around lake area with a grill fencing, to prevent intrusions, besides developing walking path and mud path around the lake. Over 350 saplings of different plant and tree species have been planted, creating a green cover. The soothing sound of chirping birds has been the added attraction, emerging as a walkers spot for those residing at Hinkal, Vijayanagar Second Stage and the surroundings.

When the works were launched, the engineers, who inspected the lake area, were sceptical about underground water table. Unfazed Hinkal villagers went ahead and drilled the lake bed for 12 feet deep to remove the silt, thus reopening the water holes. To prevent the possibilities of contamination of lake water, the UGD outlets earlier connecting the lake have been totally disconnected.

MUDA, MCC promise in vain: Ironically, both Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which had earlier committed to allot Rs. 1 crore and Rs. 95 lakh respectively for the development of the lake, are yet to keep their words, rues Kiran, a member of Sri Devara Kere Development Committee.

Lorry Owners Federation seeks allotment of sites, facilities at Truck Terminals

To submit memorandum to Chief Minister, Deputy Commissioner

Federation of Mysuru Lorry Owners' Association President Kodandaramu addressing a meeting at the Truck Terminal in front of Bandipalya on Nanjangud Road in city this morning.

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (BLU&KS)- Urging for allotment of sites for transport offices and facilities such as canteen and rest rooms among others to truck drivers at the Truck Terminal in front of Bandipalya on Nanjangud Road, members of the Federation of Mysuru Lorry Owners' Association, have decided to meet Chief Minister (CM) Siddharamaiah and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra and submit memorandum to them.

The decision to meet the CM and the DC was taken at the meeting chaired by Federation President Kodandaramu in city this morning.

Kodandaramu said that lorry owners began to fight for the construction of Truck Terminal in 1994 and the foundation for the construction of the same in 17 acre land was laid in 2007. The Truck Terminal was inaugurated in 2012 without any facilities to truck drivers.

Kodandaramu further said that since the inauguration of the Truck Terminal, no facilities such as canteen, rest rooms and sites for transport offices were given. Most of the area of the Truck Terminal resembles ruins with overgrown plants and bushes and some of the structures being dilapidated, he added.

Pointing out that about 134 sites measuring 20x30 can be made in the 17 acre land, Kodandaramu said that earlier it was decided to allot sites for transport offices at Rs. 650 per sq. ft. and added that shops in APMC, Bandipalya, which is just a stone's throw away from the Truck Terminal was given at a cost of Rs. 400 per sq. ft. Terming the price as high, the sites were not taken, he added.

Hence, to apprise the CM and the DC about the problems faced by them in the absence of facilities, the members of the Federation have decided to meet them and submit a memorandum.

Federation's Nanjangud President Manjunath, Chamarajanagar President G. Narayana, Bannur President Pradeep, Truck Terminal Director Srinivas Rao and others attended the meeting.

Encroachment of Buffer Zone

There are also complaints of encroachment of a part of buffer zone around the lake. The 30 metres around the lake is considered as buffer zone, but the half of the buffer zone in the southern side of the lake has been encroached upon. When it was brought to the notice of MUDA, the Officers surveyed the area and identified the buffer zone and served a notice against encroaching the space. However, the encroachment continues, with even Raja Kaluve on the other side also being encroached upon with some educational institutions building the compound wall. While a shed is built on Raja Kaluve in the southern side of the lake.

Classical Kannada Centre's autonomy

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This initiative launched by CIIL, has been ongoing for the past eight years. Despite the achievements, there remains a concern regarding the anticipated level of accomplishment.

On Oct. 12, 2004, the Centre granted Classical Language status to the Tamil language and autonomy was granted after one year. This recognition was accorded to Tamil even before Kannada received its Classical Language status.

However, after Tamil received Classical Language status, significant research, study, institutional development, printing of books, establishment of libraries and collection of manuscripts related to the language have been undertaken.

When compared to the research achievements and publications in Tamil, the achievements in Kannada are only at 30 percent. While the Tamil Classical language gets an annual grant of Rs. 10 crore for the study and research of the Tamil language, Kannada gets Rs. 1.60 crore. Only 8 books have been published in Kannada compared to 90 research books in Tamil.

Moreover, due to autonomy, Tamil has been independently progressing in various activities. The institution responsible for the high status of Tamil classical language has a well-equipped, internationally acclaimed building. Despite 15 years passing, Kannada's situation of not having a permanent building of its own continues to be a cause for concern. The question remains whether granting autonomy to Kannada is possible given the circumstances.

The fervour for Kannada struggle, evident from Bidar to Chamarajanagar during the unification of Karnataka, seems to have been forgotten by representatives and officials. Though they speak passionately about Kannada, the question of justice for Kannada remains unanswered. The lack of enthusiasm and willingness from both the Central and State Governments is a significant reason for these lapses.

Lack of autonomy and funding are main concerns: Director

Prof. Talwar

Thoughts, plans and commitment have been the driving force behind our endeavours. However, the lack of autonomy and insufficient funding pose significant challenges. Despite these obstacles, Prof. N.M. Talwar, Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), highlighted the institute's dedication to research and continuous scholarly work, leveraging available government funding.

Within the framework of study and research, the Centre has devised various programmes. Prof. Talwar outlined plans for delving into the study of ancient Kannada poetry, Kannada epigraphy, hand-copy studies and awareness programmes.

The institute has actively sought to broaden its reach by organising international seminars on diverse topics. Additionally, preparations are in progress for the release of eight books as part of promotional activities. A notable initiative includes establishment of a manuscript library dedicated to the ancient texts of Pampa's Poetry. Prof. Talwar further disclosed efforts to collect unpublished inscriptions and artefacts in locations such as H.D. Kote and Virajpet. These initiatives reflect the Centre's commitment to preserving and promoting Kannada cultural heritage.

'CIIL wants complete control and no one has opposed it'

Dr. Gurudatta

We presented a proposal subsequent to an in-depth examination of the operations of the Classical Centre for the Tamil language in Chennai. Accompanied by K.R. Ramakrishna, the Commissioner of the Department of Kannada and Culture, visited the centre. Additionally, we compiled and submitted a comprehensive report to the Government outlining the envisioned progress in the study and research of the Kannada language and culture for the next decade. Unfortunately, our appeal was overlooked." The CIIL in Mysuru has complete control over the CESCK and regrettably, there has been minimal opposition to this proposal. The Director of the Oriental Research Institute, where the collection of Kannada manuscripts is housed, has not executed proper planning for the work. As of now, no corrective actions have been implemented."

— Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta, litterateur

Autonomy will fund and foster independent research initiatives

Prof. Malagatti

The absence of autonomy for CESCK is a cause for concern, and the anticipated level of study in Classical Kannada has not been realised. Numerous factors contribute to the absence of autonomy, with several aspects remaining unfulfilled."

"Tamil has successfully attained autonomy for its classical language, empowering Tamil scholars to work independently. In a similar vein, Kannada should actively pursue autonomy. This would facilitate increased funding, fostering independent research initiatives. Additionally, lack of stability in appointing scholars for research is a concern. It is inaccurate to assert that no research activities have taken place, although they have not yet reached the anticipated level."

— Prof. Aravinda Malagatti, litterateur

Traffic Police crackdown on stunt riders

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Ongoing enforcement efforts are led by Siddarthanagar Traffic Inspector D. Yogesh, Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamatha, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava, NR Traffic Inspector Rekha Bai, KR Traffic Inspector Irshad Ahmed and Sub-Inspectors Ramesh, Shabarish and Nataraj.

The Police expressed concern about underage or young drivers posing risks on city roads for themselves and others. Although children driving motorcycles is a common sight, the Juvenile Justice Act does not permit strict action against such violators. "We have started cracking down on registered owners of bikes on which the minors perform such stunts. We also seize the two-wheelers used in the stunts," Police added.

Cops also highlighted a troubling trend where two-wheeler users manipulated registration number plates to conceal them, obstructing surveillance cameras from capturing violations.

I will appoint a new JD(S) Natl. President: Ibrahim

Ibrahim

Bengaluru, Nov.21- Days after he was ousted from the JD(S), former JD(S) State President C.M. Ibrahim has lashed out at JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) saying that his ouster from the party is illegal.

Asserting that he is still the State JD(S) Chief, Ibrahim said he would move the Court against his ouster from the JD(S). Strongly criticising the party's decision to align with the BJP, Ibrahim said that Deve Gowda had agreed to forge the coalition with the BJP, hearing the words of his son HDK.

Maintaining that he would wait until Dec.9 for the party to have a re-think on BJP alliance, Ibrahim, who is also a former Union Minister, said it was HDK who should be ousted and not him. Stating that he was very much a party member and would appoint a new JD(S) National President after Dec.9, he wondered if JD(S) was a political party or a company, as 19 MLAs of the party were not consulted on coalition.

Pedestrian killed as KSRTC bus hits

Mysuru, Nov. 21- A woman, who was crossing the road, was killed when a KSRTC bus hit her on Nelson Mandela Road on Nov. 18 evening. The deceased has been identified as Sathyabhama (55), a housemaid and a resident of K.R. Mills Colony.

Sathyabhama, after finishing her work, was crossing the road near Bal Bhavan in Bannimantap when KSRTC bus (KA-09-F-5111), coming from Highway Circle side hit her resulting in serious injuries to Sathyabhama. She breathed her last while being rushed to K.R. Hospital. NR Traffic Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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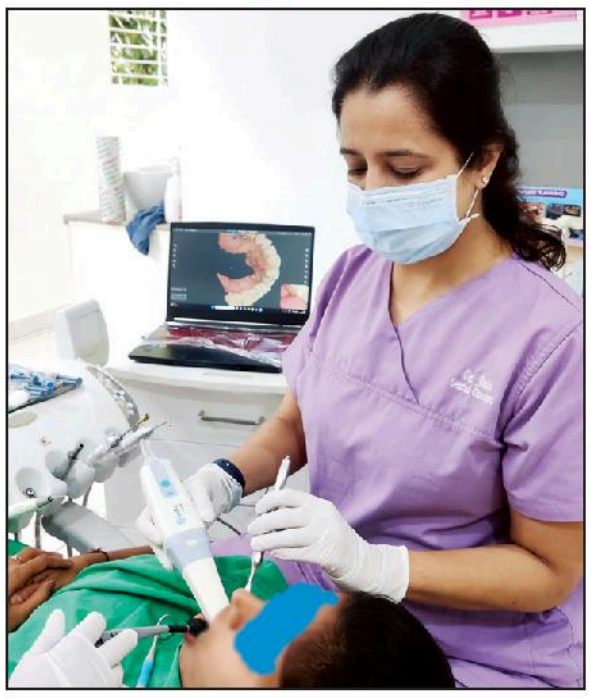
HEALTH TALK

By Dr. Anita Nitin

Digital Dentistry: The way forward



Picture shows scanning in progress and the image captured on the monitor enables patient understanding, improving decision making and informed consent.

When it comes to taking care of our oral health, it is incredible to see how far dentistry has come. Thanks to advancements in technology and techniques, going to the dentist today is a more comfortable, efficient and effective experience than ever before.

One such technological advancement that has transformed the world of dentistry is dental scanners. These devices have revolutionised the way dentists assess, diagnose and treat oral health issues.

Digital dentistry is a broad term encompassing any dental technology that involves the use of computer-based components such as hardware devices and software programme.

For example, an intra-oral scanner consists of a handheld camera wand, a computer and software. The small, smooth wand is connected to a computer that runs a customised software that processes the digital data sensed by the camera. The procedure is less likely to induce gag response, making the scanning experience more comfortable for patients.

In the beginning, dentist will insert the scanning wand into the patient's mouth and gently move it over the surface area of the teeth. The wand automatically captures the size and shape of each tooth. It only takes a minute or two to scan and the system will be able to produce a detailed digital impression or digital model.

This data will be transmitted to labs to fabricate any needed appliances. With this instant feedback, the whole process will be more efficient, saving time and allowing dentists to diagnose more patients.

Dental scanners eliminate the need for uncomfortable and messy impression materials. Patients no longer have to endure the sensation of having moulds placed in their mouths, which can trigger a gag reflex.

Traditional impression methods often required patients to wait for the moulds to set, increasing the overall appointment time. Dental scanners provide instant results, reducing appointment duration and the need for follow-up visits.

Dentists can easily share the digital models with patients on a screen, helping them better understand their oral health conditions and treatment options. This enhances patient-dentist communication and informed decision-making.

By choosing dental practices equipped with this modern technology, patients can look forward to a more pleasant and effective dental experience, ultimately contributing to better oral health and well-being. Embracing the advantages of dental scanners is a step towards a brighter, healthier smile.

'Opportunities await young Indian scientists, researchers'

M.D. Ranganath, Managing Director of Catamaran Ventures, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 12th IEEE International Conference at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Mysuru Campus recently as Prof. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Prof. Shekhar Babu, Associate Dean of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Dr. T.S. Mohan of Pragnyan Data Labs look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 21- The three-day 12th IEEE International Conference on 'Cloud Computing in Emerging Markets' (CCEM) was organised at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, in collaboration with IEEE from Nov. 2 to 4.

In his inaugural address, Chairman and Managing Director of Catamaran Ventures M.D. Ranganath expressed optimism about the rapidly growing technology of cloud computing, anticipating abundant opportunities for the nation's young scientists and researchers.

He emphasised that the conducive environment for these opportunities would expand, contributing to the pace of urbanisation in India.

Ranganath shared insights into the challenges within the field of cloud computing and the corresponding research opportunities. He highlighted the pressing need for enhanced information protection, as more than 50% of companies now store their work in the cloud.

Ranganath identified "misconfiguration" as the predominant security challenge faced by most companies today, underscoring the urgency for research on cloud performance and migration.

Dr. T. S. Mohan from Pragnyan Data Labs lauded India's emergence as an innovator.

He stressed the importance of nurturing the young minds of today, asserting that IEEE Symposium provides an excellent platform for students and researchers to receive guidance from field experts.

Dr. Mohan addressed the quality of contemporary research papers, noting a marginal difference and emphasising the need for proper evidence and witnesses to support proposed research topics.

He exuded confidence that the seminar offers valuable advice from both industry and academic experts.

Associate Dean of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, Prof. Shekhar Babu, provided insights into the seminar's features.

Prof. Babu underscored the institution's commitment to prioritising research and student projects. The seminar boasted of the participation of national and international subject matter experts from professional and academic fields, who shared their knowledge about the conference's key features.

Correspondent of Amrita Mysuru Brahmachari Muktidamrata Chaitanya, Principal Prof. G. Ravindranath and speakers from various disciplines, as well as researchers and students were present on the occasion.

Valedictory

The valedictory of the conference was held on Nov. 4. As part of the conference, an array of keynote sessions, panel discussions and tutorials were presented by the following experts: Senthil Nathan Velu, CTO, New Street Technologies; Prof. Ram Ramesh, SUNY at Buffalo, New York, USA; Pragya Sharma, Hybrid Data & AI, Accenture India; Dr. Sheela Siddappa, Director, Data Science, Kyndryl; Ravi Trivedi, Managing Director, Digital Agriculture, The Nudge Institute; Prof. H. Raghav Rao, AT&T Distinguished Chair in Infrastructure Assurance and Security, University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA); Rushi Mehta, Cyber Security Professional, Senior Consultant, Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India; and Venkatesh Narayanan, Principal Engineer, Microsoft.

A total of 50 high-quality research papers out of a total of 162 submitted were presented during the conference.

The agenda of the conference was designed to encompass invited talks, peer-reviewed paper presentations, tutorials, a "TechnoBiz" and a students' project showcase.

The conference featured a panel discussion titled "Where is AI headed? Careers in the new AI World!" with Dr. T. S. Mohan of Pragyan Datalabs as the panel moderator and panellists including Dr. Sanjay Chitnis, Dr. Ram Ramesh, Dr. Raghav Rao, Dr. Shekhar Babu and Ravi Trivedi.

A tutorial on AI and IoT was also conducted as part of the conference.

Around 200 delegates representing a diverse global audience attended the conference.

Awards were presented for the Best Research Paper, Best TechnoBiz Plan and Best Student Projects.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Year Ending Review – 2023

Now that the last tournament of the year is over, it has become customary for me to review the results of important tournaments and also the performance of leading players. As most of the tennis fans know, apart from four Grand Slam events and the year ending ATP Finals, there are nine Masters 1000 events. In addition, there are over 50 ATP 500 and ATP 250 events all over the world thus making a total of 68 ATP tournaments.

Of the four Grand Slam events, the first two — the Australian Open and French Open — were won by the 36-year-old Novak Djokovic. By winning the French Open, he set two new world records. First one was that he overtook Rafael Nadal who has won 22 Major titles. The second record is that he is the only player to have won all the four Grand Slam events at least thrice!

The Wimbledon finals was between two top seeds namely Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz. The match went to five sets eventually won by Alcaraz. This match has been compared to two earlier epic Wimbledon Finals namely, Bjorn Borg Vs John McEnroe in 1981 and Djokovic Vs Roger Federer in 2019.

The last Grand Slam event of the year — the US Open was played at Arthur Ashe Stadium, Billie Jean King Arena in New York. Though the experts predicted a rematch of Wimbledon finalists, it was between Daniil Medvedev and Djokovic, a rematch of US Open 2021. However, this time it was Djokovic who won the match in straight sets. Unfortunately, the score does not reflect the competitiveness of the match as it was really a close match.

Among the nine Masters 1000 tournaments, Djokovic, Alcaraz and Medvedev won two each, and one each by Andrey Rublev, Jannick Sinner, Hubert Hurkacz. And the prestigious year ending ATP Final was won by Djokovic, a record breaking seventh time. Thus, he created during the year three new records and extended three of his own previous records.

A special mention must be made here about our own 43-year-old Rohan Bopanna who went deep in the draw (finals or semifinals) in many important doubles' tournaments this year.

Although I have done and dusted with the topic of GOAT, this subject does not seem to die down with the "FEDAL" (meaning Federer and Nadal) fans and experts. Until a year ago, they proclaimed that performance was the only criteria but now that Djokovic has overhauled all records, they say that numbers do not count but it is the impact of a player on tennis as a whole or style of play or popularity of a player should be the criteria. Since it is purely subjective, I will leave this matter to the better judgement of the readers.

Novak Djokovic

Rohan Bopanna

I would now like to discuss a touchy subject of earnings of tennis players. It is well-known that a few top-ranked players not only earn millions of dollars in prize money but also earn several times more in endorsements. For example, in 2022, Federer having played just two matches earned a whopping 90 million dollars in endorsements and in appearance fees!

While the top 20 ranked players have decent earnings, lower down the ranks, the income drops exponentially and it is really tough going. India's top ranked singles player Sumit Nagal, who has a present ATP ranking of 156, ran out of money this summer and AITA and Tatas had to bail him out. A good pair of tennis shoes costs Rs. 12,000 and a tennis racket costs Rs. 30,000. Taking the plight of lower ranked players into account, the new Professional Tennis Players' Association headed by Djokovic has appealed to ATP and ITF to increase the prize money of Challengers and Features tournaments. Since there is not much enthusiasm among other top-ranked players, the lower ranked players have to depend either on their own country's tennis association or some benevolent industrialist.

Now let us look at the prospects of tennis next year. Good news is that Rafael Nadal has promised to come back after his surgery and recuperation. Since his ranking has gone down below 300, he would have to work hard to win another Major title. Though difficult, in his case it is not impossible. Meanwhile Djokovic has stated that he will continue to compete as long as he has a chance of winning Majors. The 24-28 age group players like Medvedev, Tsitsipas, Zverev, Hurkacz, Rublev and Sebastian Korda could still win a Major or two. However, my hopes are on youngsters like Alcaraz, Sinner, Holger Rune and the new find Ben Shelton to make the old timers run for their money.

Recently a new outdoor game called pickleball (a combination of table tennis and tennis) has picked up among the middle-aged citizens of USA which might have a negative impact on spectatorship of tennis tournaments. However, the foot-fall (number of spectators) during the US Open for two weeks was nearly 9,60,000 which is the maximum ever recorded. This shows that tennis will still flourish for some more years.

SBRR Mahajana FGC wins Christ Cup Volleyball Tournament

The men's team of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (FGC), Jayalakshmipuram, defeated JSS College, Ooty Road and emerged winners in the Christ Cup Volleyball Tournament organised by Christ College, Mysuru. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***SBRR Mahajana FGC Sports Committee Member Dr. K.K. Somashekar, Physical Education Director P.S. Madhusudhana, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Mahajana Education Society Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, CEO & Academic Advisor Dr. S.R. Ramesh, Physical Education Director Dr. H.N. Bhaskar and Team Capitan Rahul Budha;*** *(standing from left)* ***Somashekar, N.R. Tejas, G. Srinivasa, S.S. Vikas, S. Arunkumar, Adharsh N. Gowda, H.J. Kushal, K.K. Thushar Gowda, Varun Nayak, Pavan Gowda, S. Swaroopkumar and D. Kartik.***

WORD OF THE DAY

Bugbear

Pronunciation: BUG-bair.
Meaning: A bugbear is a source of dread or irritation; in other words, something that causes problems or annoys people.
Origin: Just as peanuts are neither peas nor nuts (they are legumes), bugbears are neither bugs nor bears, but a secret, third thing. Not so secret that we won't share it with you, however. Let's start with the bug in bugbear, which refers not to an insect, but instead comes from the Middle English word bugge. This bugge was used for all kinds of imaginary spooky creatures—from ghosts and goblins to scarecrows—that cause fright or dread. In the 1500s this bug was combined with bear (as in the animal) to form bugbear, even though there is little evidence that either a bug or bugbear took an ursine form. In fact, based on its earliest known uses, bugbear began as an all-purpose word for things that cause fear or dread, not just supernatural beasties. This sense is still in use today, alongside the closely related sense of "a continuing source of irritation or annoyance." Use of the "hobgoblin" sense of bugbear appears to have begun slightly later, though it, too, persists to the present day, notably as the name of a hulking creature in the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

THE ODD WORD

Balatron
Joker; clown.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Be as old as the hills

Meaning: The phrase 'Be as old as the hills' means that if something is as old as the hills, it has existed for a very long time.
Origin: The origin of 'As old as the hills' is biblical. The phrase is derived from Job, 15:7 and was first seen in the 1535 Miles Coverdale's Bible: "Art thou the first man, that euer was borne? Or wast thou made before the hylles?" The phrase did not gain popularity in its current form until 1734, when Francis Hutchinson's A Defense of the Ancient Historians read: "As vales are old as the hills, so loughs and rivers must be as old as they."
Example: "Difficult relationships between parents and children are nothing new: the problem's as old as the hills."

QUOTE BOX

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.
— Charles M. Schulz

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Side show

SUDOKU

8			5		7			6
	5	1				3	7	
2			8	7	4			9
3			1	9	2			8
	1	8				2	6	
5			2		9			4

Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	7	1	5	4	3	2	8
3	4	8	2	7	9	1	5	6
1	2	5	8	3	6	9	4	7
2	3	4	6	1	8	7	9	5
5	1	9	3	4	7	6	8	2
8	7	6	9	2	5	4	3	1
7	5	1	4	8	3	2	6	9
4	6	2	5	9	1	8	7	3
9	8	3	7	6	2	5	1	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

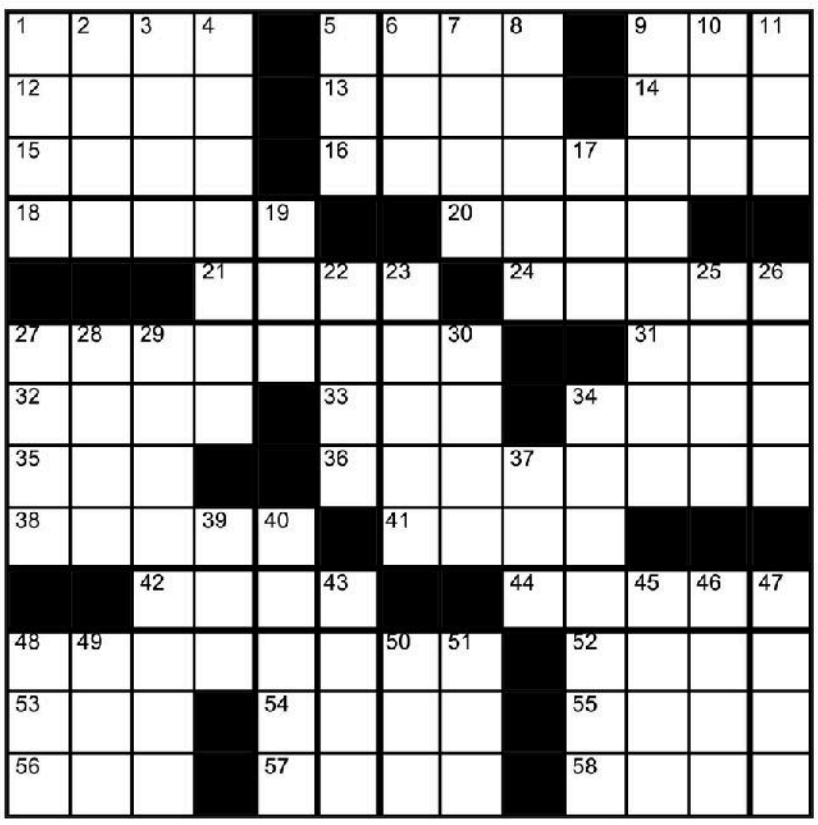
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Honey makers
5 Wealthy persons - "snob" anagram?
9 Chinese dynasty
12 Thin
13 Modify the text
14 And so on abbr.
15 Eight as a prefix
16 Reduced in rank
18 Buddies
20 Ex-India batsman Abbas Ali ___
21 High headdress
24 1995 Stallone title role, Judge ___
27 Precis
31 Gardening implement
32 Goodbye
33 Suffix denoting place or ownership?
34 Least amount
35 Fitting and suitable
36 Drew up shoulders
38 Time in power
41 Rambling story
42 Singles
44 Fictional work
48 Yearly
52 Anil Kapoor movie
53 By way of
54 Indian music form
55 Oasis leadsinger___Gallagher
56 An East Indian shrub
57 Stride
58 ... or ____ : should this be construed as a threat?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	N	S	T	■	N	O	V	■	U	F	O	S
T	Y	K	E	■	E	L	I	■	R	A	S	P
S	C	A	L	A	W	A	G	■	G	I	L	A
■	■	■	L	D	S	■	O	C	E	L	O	T
S	I	D	E	D	■	A	R	O	N	■	■	■
P	O	O	R	■	F	L	O	A	T	I	N	G
O	N	E	■	K	A	B	U	L	■	C	A	L
T	E	R	M	I	N	U	S	■	P	E	R	U
■	■	■	O	N	A	M	■	B	E	D	I	M
B	R	A	N	D	T	■	E	E	R	■	■	■
L	A	R	A	■	I	N	S	T	I	N	C	T
O	T	I	C	■	C	E	P	■	O	A	R	S
B	I	A	O	■	S	T	Y	■	D	E	M	O

DOWN
1 Political alliance
2 Individually
3 You too in Latin (2,2)
4 Hair detergent
5 Name for a boy or a donkey?
6 Piece of poetry
7 Amitabh Bachchan of course (3,1)
8 Famous violin - abbreviation
9 Porcupine
10 Had a meal
11 No Computed Data
17 Tune
19 Bribe
22 Applications
23 Suspicious
25 Be silly or infatuated?
26 Deceased
27 Skin blemish
28 Exclamation of fright
29 Belonging to a country
30 Antitoxins
34 Base
37 Metal vase
39 African antelope
40 Approaches
43 A narrow strip of wood or metal
45 Fabric face covering
46 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
47 Crippled or maimed
48 Miss Gardner's first name
49 Actress ___ Peeples
50 Large, abbr.
51 A shrill bark



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AWR SMCVMRBB CD MUIRMB AC AWR CZRLF UB

FCA BC MLSUP LB AWLA CD QLF AC RMMCM.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS R

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage.

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Tiger 3 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
The Vacant House (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Rajayoga (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Nethram (K)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Garadi (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Spark Life (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Trolls Band Together (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 3.35 pm, 5.30 pm
Bembidada Naavika (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Sesham Mike II Fathima (Ma)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
The Hunger Games (E)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - Side B (K)	(S-4)	10.05 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm 7 pm, 10 pm

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The vacant house (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.10 pm
Rajayoga (Te)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Rajayoga (K)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Saptha Sagaradaache Ello - Side B	(S-2)	10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm; (S-3) 11 am
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm

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Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Tiger 3 (H)	:	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7.00 pm, 9.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9.25 am, 10.10 am, 12.30 pm 1.15 pm, 3.35 pm, 4.20 pm 6.40 pm, 7.25, 9.45, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	10.05 am, 11.35 am, 4.55 pm 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
The Hunger Games (E)	:	11.30 am, 6.20 pm
Ghost (K)	:	1.10 pm
Trolls Band Together (E-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 8.00 pm
Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (E)	:	2.50 pm
The Vacant House (K)	:	4.05 pm
Sesham Mike-II Fathima (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Tiger 3 (H)	:	8.55 am, 11.30 am, 12.15 pm 3.35 pm, 6.10, 6.55, 10.15 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Rajayoga (K)	:	3.15 pm

'Karnataka Kalacharya' title conferred

In recognition of his outstanding contribution as a music teacher, Mysuru's senior violinist and guru H.K. Narasimhamurthy was recently conferred with the title 'Karnataka Kalacharya' by The Bangalore Gayana Samaja during the valedictory of its 53rd Annual Music Conference at its premises in Bengaluru. Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Melkote, noted vocalist Dr. Vidyabhushana (Sangeetha Kalarathna awardee), The Bangalore Gayana Samaja President Dr. MRV Prasad, Member Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma and others were present.

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 22)

- **Sree Nataraja First Grade College for Women, Shankarmutt Road:** Fun Fair, Journalist M.R. Sathyanarayana inaugurates, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, upcoming actor Dr. Ratha Kiran and S.E. Girish of Jeevadhara Blood Bank guests, Sree Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa will be present, Sree Nataraja First Grade College for Women Principal Dr. M. Sharada presides, College premises, **9.30 am.**
- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sr Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse on 'Upanishad' by Vid. Sri Kheda Vedavyasachar, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.50 pm 4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	9 am, 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Garadi (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	(S-3)	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Managalavaaram (Te)	(S-4)	9.10 am, 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 2.30 pm 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	11.15 am 5.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Nethram (K)	:	1.20 pm
Bembidada Naavika (K)	:	3.55 pm
Rajayoga (K)	:	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Competitions in Sanskrit

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Srikantha Samskruta Pathashale of Srikantha Educational Institutions has organised following competitions at Srikantha Girls High School premises here on Dec. 10 at 10 am:

Bhagavad Gita memorisation: From Bhagavad Gita 16th Chapter 'Daivasura Sampad Vibhaga Yoga' - shlokas 1 to 6 for students of 1st to 4th standard, shlokas 7 to 13 for 5th to 7th standard and shlokas 14 to 24 for students of 8th to 10th standard. [Participants are suggested to use 'Srimadbhagavad Gita of Swami Adidevananda published by Sri Ramakrishna Ashram]

'Ashtatrimsha Sarga - Sagaraputra Janma' memorisation: Primary and High School students can take part.

Essay Writing: High School students can take part in the essay competition and write on the topic 'Bhagavad Giteya Bhaktiyoga' not exceeding two pages.

Music: Participants must sing a kriti of Purandaradasa or Kanakadasa.

One student can take part in all the four competitions. Entry fee is Rs. 20. Those aged above 16 years are not eligible.

Entry should be sent before Dec. 8 to Head Mistress, Srikantha Samskruta Pathashale, Shankar Mutt Road, 4th Cross Road, Khille Mohalla, Mysuru.

For details, contact Head Mistress N.V. Lakshmi on Mob: 98805-43135 or Associate Teacher N. Lakshminarayana Swamy on Mob: 97394-14323 or e-mail: ***srikanthasps@gmail.com***

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